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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Robert Sixto Jr. et al.

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Title: Surgical Clip Applier Having Jaw Adapted to Guide and Deform a Clip

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Honorable Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

## RECEIVED TO THE STATE OF THE ST PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME TO REPLY

The applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks for a one month extension of time to reply to an Office Action dated February 9, 2004. With the extension of time, the time for reply is extended to June 9, 2004, making this reply timely in nature. In addition, four (4) dependent claims have been canceled, and four (4) independent claims (for a total of six (6)) and one (1) dependent claims have been added for a total of twenty eight (28) claims. A check in the amount of \$388 (for the \$110 large entity extension fee and \$278 extra claim fees) is enclosed. If any additional fee is required, please charge such fees to deposit account 07-1732.

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